

## **MidCounty Citizen's Alliance**

### **Webb Tract Development**

Montgomery County Council committee action recently recommended approval of the purchase of the eastern portion of the Webb Tract for relocation of county facilities. Facilities to be relocated include the MCPS Food Warehouse, MCPS Maintenance Facility and the Parks Department Maintenance Facility.

The Council committee did not recommend purchase of the western portion of the Webb Tract. This portion was to be the site for the Public Safety Training Academy (PSTA).

The MidCounty Citizen's Alliance (MCCA) understands that the reason for the above action is to wait for the Gaithersburg West Master Plan to be finalized and see how that impacts the current PSTA. Therefore, MCCA submits the following statement concerning development on the Webb Tract.

MCCA, while not in total agreement with Montgomery County Government (MCG) concerning all aspects of development on the Webb Tract, believes the County would be a better neighbor than other possible tenants. We have been meeting with MCG during the last year to discuss ways to minimize the impact of county facilities on the Webb Tract, including the PSTA. These meetings have resulted in a mutual understanding of the issues facing the communities surrounding the Webb Tract and those facing the County as it moves toward implementation of the Smart Growth Initiative. This type of cooperative effort would not exist between the communities and a private contractor developing the property. Therefore, MCCA asks the County Council to reevaluate the committee recommendations regarding the purchase of the western portion of the Webb Tract. There is also a 13 acre parcel, the former Nike site, which could be purchased to increase the available space for the PSTA.

Thank you for your consideration of the matter.

Sincerely,

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